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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MEADE, *et al.*

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with Nucleic Acids*

Group No. 1637

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003. As this response is being filed with a Petition for Extension of time, extending the period of time for filing a response by three months, to an including May 17, 2004, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our File: A-64411-2/RMS/RMK/SPL/ 468267-00067), Applicants believe this response is timely filed. Although the Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any extension fees, or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our File: A-64411-2/RMS/RMK/SPL/ 468267-00067).